

THE ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

THE BOARD OF TRADE AND CITIZENS IN COUNCIL.

A Unanimous Expression in Favor of the Electric System—Petition to the Trustees.

The Board of Trade met again last evening at its rooms, corner of Second and J streets, for the purpose of hearing the report of its committee appointed last Tuesday to confer with the City Trustees with the hope of persuading them to permit the proposed new electric street-railway to operate in this city. The general public had been invited and there was a large representation of business men, citizens and property-owners.

P. E. Platt, President of the Board, called the meeting to order and stated its object. He said the Board of Trade aimed to be alive to the wishes of the people in all matters and therefore had taken up this electric road matter. "Personally," he said, "I have investigated this matter pretty thoroughly and have talked with a great many people, and I have yet to find a single solitary soul who is opposed to the project. The newspapers have not, so I have found, exaggerated the feelings of the public in the matter. On the contrary, they have reflected faithfully what may be heard on every corner in this city. Mr. Platt then called upon Thomas L. Ewright, Chairman of the committee appointed to interview the Trustees, for his report.

THE COMMITTEE'S RECEPTION.

Mr. Ewright said the committee had called upon the Trustees as instructed. They first called on the Mayor and asked to see the ordinance under which the road was to operate. They found it very good. They also asked to see the "McLaughlin amendment," which Mr. Henry, the projector of the road, objected to. The amendment, as is well known, gives the Trustees full power to order down the poles and wires whenever they take a notion to. The Mayor said Mr. Ewright stated that he could not give any explanation for the amendment, as it was McLaughlin's affair. The committee then called on McLaughlin and that individual calmly told the committee that if they wanted to know how he was going to vote, they could find out by waiting until the next meeting of the Trustees, at which time he would vote. Wolf, upon being called on, told the committee that he considered McLaughlin's amendment "very foolish," and yet he offered no explanation as to how he stood himself, except that he had seen the electric road at San Jose and was not particularly "stuck on it."

D. A. Lindley, who was also one of the committee, corroborated Mr. Ewright's report. He added, however, that McLaughlin had cited several instances wherein the city had been abused by new corporations, and cited the trouble with the last electric light franchise granted.

THE McLAUGHLIN AMENDMENT.

President Platt made a few remarks explanatory of the McLaughlin amendment, and characterized it as the most ridiculous contract ever proposed in this city. He was satisfied that McLaughlin was irrevocably opposed to the franchise, but as regards Wolf, he thought it possible that that individual would yield to the public demand and vote for granting the franchise.

Mr. Lindley said he remembered that Mr. Wolf said that if the whole city was in favor of having an "overhead system" he might strain a point and vote for the measure. Several other gentlemen spoke on the subject, all being of one mind—that the position of the two Trustees was thoroughly wrong.

L. P. Gilman then moved that it be declared "as sense of the meeting that the franchise should be granted with the objectionable clause stricken out."

A member of the committee reminded the Board that there were three propositions before the Trustees and the Board should be careful to specify which of them it wanted adopted. There was the original amendment to Section 3 of the franchise, simply permitting the maintenance of poles and wires, but containing no restrictions. Then the Board of Trade committee wanted the Trustees and suggested certain restrictions that ought to be put in the amendment for the protection of the city's interests. Mr. Henry had then proposed to have any reasonable restrictions put in, and called upon the Board to point out anything they desired included.

During a recess of the Board on that day a second amendment was prepared which embodied all of the restrictions suggested by the Trustees and Board of Trade committee, and this amendment took the place of the other. After it was read Trustee McLaughlin claimed that it was a new proposition, and that therefore lay over, under the rules, for one week, and it was so ordered. At the next meeting of the Board Mr. McLaughlin presented still another amendment, embodying all there were in the others, and also the forfeiture clause. The speaker thought the second amendment contained all there was good in the McLaughlin amendment, without the objectionable features of the latter.

Mr. Platt stated that he thought that the McLaughlin amendment, with the objectionable clause stricken out, would be more satisfactory to the Trustees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A vote was taken on Mr. Gilman's motion and it was carried unanimously. President Platt said there were a number of citizens present whose expressions of opinion would be in order.

Senator F. R. Dray was the first to respond. He said that he had been opposed to the overhead system. He had obtained his idea from a slip-shod system which was in operation in San Diego. Since that time, however, he had changed his mind and the system proposed to be introduced in Sacramento, and which had proved so successful in San Jose, would be a most desirable proposition to the city.

A. S. Hopkins said that the idea is that we ought to be up with the age, and he was decidedly in favor of giving the electric road a trial at least.

L. L. Lewis and several others spoke briefly, all in the affirmative, and the following petition was then drawn up and signed by all present:

At a meeting of the members of the Board of Trade and citizens present to the full capacity of the rooms of the Board, it was resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the amendment to the franchise proposed by Trustee McLaughlin, should be adopted, with the exception of the clause concerning the removal of poles and wires and forfeiture of the grant on ninety days and that we respectfully request the Trustees to pass the same with said exception.

It was then decided that headings of this petition be left at H. S. Crocker & Co.'s, J street, between Second and Third; Fuh's drug store, Tenth and J streets; Weber & Co.'s, I street, between Tenth and Thirteenth; and at Hammer's drug store, Fourth and K streets, for the signatures of citizens generally who were not able to attend the meeting. It is hoped that they will avail themselves of the opportunity of expressing themselves, and that each list will be largely signed.

PROGRESSIVE ODD FELLOWSHIP.

A New Lodge of the Degree of Rebekah organized on Wednesday evening a special meeting of Rising Star Lodge No. 8, Degree of Rebekah, was held in Odd Fellows' Temple, in this city, for the purpose of conferring the degree upon twenty applicants and to assist in the institution of Capital City Lodge No. 160, Degree of Rebekah, of the I. O. O. F.

A very large and enthusiastic number of the members of the order assembled, and witnessed the unusual spectacle of more than eighty charter members of one of our active working lodges. The instituting officers were: John Glasgow, of Grass Valley, Grand Master; Frank C. Nichols, D. G. M.; Deputy Grand Master, pro tem; P. F. Dolan, Grand Warden, pro tem; W. F. Norcross, P. G. of San Francisco, Grand Marshal, pro tem; A. Tilton, Grand Conductor, pro tem; Leon Solomon, Grand Guardian, pro tem; E. J. Clark, Grand Secretary, pro tem. At the conclusion of the institution ceremonies the new lodge elected the following officers: Mrs. Frankie Carlaw, A. P. G. M.; Della Pettit, N. G.; Mrs. Alice Seidler, V. G.; Mrs. Mary Murry, R. S.

CITY CONSTABLES.

THE ANTI-GAMBLING FORCE OF THE "SOLID TWO."

Mayor Comstock Expresses Himself Vigorously, but the Other Trustees Overrule Him.

The meeting held last night by the Board of City Trustees was a stirring one, and matters could not have been "mildly" worse. The session lasted an hour and a half, and the work done ought to have been concluded in five minutes.

Mayor Comstock called the Board to order, and amid gestures and an "You all know what it is about" expression on his countenance, gazed about the room at the spectators who had dropped in and hung on the railing to see "the show." Digging down into the recesses of his pocket he brought out a small writing tablet and proceeded to read as follows:

"It is my purpose to consider carefully every measure brought up, and I feel it my duty to consult citizens and learn their different views. It is necessary for the protection of the city to have some special officers. If under the control of the Chief and Police Commissioners I believe they will work with the regular officers and of better service. The selection as made by the Police Commissioners several days ago can hardly be improved upon under the circumstances."

"I recommend that the Board of Police Commissioners be authorized to appoint thirteen special officers to serve two weeks, and be paid at the same rate as the regular officers. In the matter of special Constables, I declare it out of order, as it is not under the city's jurisdiction. If it should be in the jurisdiction of the Board to obtain the appointment of Deputy Constables, I should oppose it for the reason that the officers would have to be paid out of the county treasury. It would be unlawful to take the farmers' money to pay officers serving the city."

Trustee McLaughlin took off his specs and addressing the Mayor, said:

"What do you mean by order?"

"That resolution of yours," replied the Mayor. "We haven't anything to do with Constables. They are county officers, and policemen and they train under two different heads."

Mr. McLaughlin then turned to the City Attorney and asked: "Has the city any power to appoint Constables?"

Mr. Hart emphatically declared no. The city might, however, do so at the appointing of special Constables, but their compensation could not lawfully be taken from the funds in the City Treasury.

Mayor Comstock then said to the Police Commissioners: "You said you were for my resolution on Monday. What do you want to change for now? We've passed the resolution already."

The latter statement by the Street Commissioner surprised the Mayor, and he declared it was not so. The resolution had not been passed.

Wolf, it is said, has. You said it was a good thing last Monday, but you wanted to make the changes in the names. The thing passed unanimously.

The Mayor still persisted that his colleagues were wrong. They pulled these little schemes upon him at the eleventh hour, and may be while excited he had misrepresented himself at the previous meeting.

Grove L. Johnson happened in the room and Mr. McLaughlin asked of him an answer to the question, "Has this Board power to appoint officers?"

Mr. Johnson held that undoubtedly they had. They had a right to request the Sheriff, Constables or Police Commissioners to appoint assistants and they had the power to pay any man who did work for them in any capacity. There was no question about it.

Mr. Johnson requested it understood that he was not present to make an address, but he had heard that there was to be a little fun and he wanted to see it.

City Attorney Hart begged to differ with Mr. Johnson in his views. The law, he said, said that special officers should receive no compensation from the city.

Mr. Johnson said that it was proper and just and legal for the city to pay men who were employed to protect its interests. If gambling was a detriment, and the city saw fit to suppress it, the Trustees certainly had the power to hire men and pay them for their work in crushing out the evil.

Continuing, the speaker said: "Gambling can be suppressed in this city, and this man who sits down beside me (pointing to Chief of Police Drew) can stop it by simply raising his hand. The gamblers have come to the town, and they will continue to rule as long as the police remain inactive."

City Attorney Hart came to the rescue of Chief Drew and said he believed that Chief was disposed to stop gambling and, he himself, would certainly see that every gambler was punished to the full extent of the law. In regard to the point in argument, it was his opinion that the Board were doing wrong in trying to directly suppress the control of the Police Department and appoint officers. They could not interfere upon the jurisdiction of the Board of Police Commissioners and could not interfere in matters which belonged to that department. The resolution introduced by Mr. McLaughlin certainly cast discredit upon the municipal officers, and even Justice Baker had told him that he did not like the tone of it.

But Johnson—move that the Police Commissioners have power to appoint thirteen officers. That other resolution I declare out of order.

Trustee McLaughlin looked at the Mayor for a moment and then asked, with great deliberation, "Are you afraid that the appointing of these Constables will stop the gamblers?"

The Mayor swallowed his breath, and when he could make answer he was in a hurry. "I am not," he said, "and I never gambled as much as a penit in my life. I don't like the looks of those law-abiding Constables. They make poverty, and the money thus spent goes to the saloons. We merchants and furniture men don't get anything. The people know how I stand, and I am not afraid to have a vote taken right here to see which of us is the most opposed to gambling. Let the spectators in the gallery raise up their hands and we'll soon find out. You should not interfere, Mr. McLaughlin, in police matters."

The other Trustees waited for his response, which was so unexpectedly provoked by Mr. McLaughlin, the Mayor made a motion to reconsider the whole vote of the Board, and it was so ordered.

There was no second to the motion. Trustee McLaughlin moved to amend the resolution so that parties arrested could be prosecuted in any City Justice's Court, and not alone Baker's.

The motion was carried by the votes of McLaughlin and Wolf, the Mayor voting no.

How many special policemen do you want?" asked Mayor Comstock of Chief Drew.

The latter replied that he would like to have fifteen, but he wanted to select from the regular force of the institution, and did not know what he was doing. The jury, however, rendered a verdict of

guilty, and Phillips will be sentenced today.

The County Hospital.

Dr. G. A. White, Superintendent of the County Hospital, reports that during the month of August seventy-two patients were admitted to the hospital, sixty-six were discharged, and six died, leaving 156 on hand. The mortality list in detail is as follows: Thomas Holder, aged 52, a native of Ohio, died of heart disease, cardiac dropsy; John Decker, aged 78, Missouri, apoplexy; James Quigg, aged 64, Ireland, pneumonia; George A. Monzeau, aged 40, Italy, consumption; Patrick Keefe, aged 55, Ireland, paralysis; George Shultz, aged 60, Germany, cystitis. The expenses of the institution for the month for salaries and subsistence were \$2,946.58.

The Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors did not transact much business yesterday, as it was a finance day, when the monthly demands against the county have to be inspected. On motion of Supervisor Tebbets, the Board granted thirty days' extension of time on its contract for the erection of the new water tank at the County Hospital. It was also decided to allow the same company \$4,000 on account.

LEFT IN THE COLD.

DETECTIVE ONE AND THE LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE.

The League, He Says, Deserted Him in the Crusade Against the Gamblers.

"Dismissed on motion of the District Attorney."

That is what has been inscribed on the Superior and Justice Court records in at least half a dozen criminal cases within the past week or so, and that is what is causing District Attorney Bruner a great deal of mental agitation.

The trouble is on account of the disposition of prosecuting witnesses to shirk cases after they have left the Police Court and are ready for jury trials. Witnesses will go on the stand in the Police Court and give testimony strong enough to send the culprit to State Prison for a long term of years, but after the case has gone to the Superior Court, and goes through the usual continuances, the order of the witnesses cools off, and they either refuse to testify or seclude themselves and avoid being subpoenaed.

"I'm getting thoroughly tired of it, and don't propose to stand it any longer," said District Attorney Bruner to a Recorder-Uxor reporter yesterday. "It places me in a bad light before the people, when, as a matter of fact, I am absolutely powerless. These witnesses refuse to testify, and the result is I have to go into Court and make a dismissal. It comes out in the papers: 'Dismissed on motion of the District Attorney.' and people wonder what the trial is all about—particularly when three or four of them occur a week. Hereafter I shall push these cases to trial, whether there is any anxiety to prosecute the cases further, there was an explosion."

Assistant District Attorney A. J. Bruner promptly said the defective cases would be tried, and there would be no dismissals, no matter what changes might have come over the witnesses.

Mr. One explained, however, that he would not shirk the cases if the District Attorney's office decided to proceed, and he would stand by him.

Mr. One was seen by a Recorder-Uxor reporter later on, and to him he unreservedly said, "As I told Mr. Bruner," he said, "I will go ahead and fight the case, but I will not back up my wishes. I want it thoroughly understood, however, that I have not been bought off by the gamblers, or anybody else. The trouble comes from a different source. You see I was employed by members of the law to handle a witness. He was given to understand that a general release was to be issued against all gamblers, and was told that I would have a steady salary of \$300 a month until every gambler had been caught, and then he would be paid \$100 a month. I worked faithfully and did my work well. We stopped Ross' game and arrested the gamblers. The cases came up in the Police Court, and the witness had to be paid. Ross, Patrick and Shunk were held to answer before the Superior Court. I was ready to go on with the witness, but he wouldn't have done so, had I not suddenly learned that the law and order people's ardor had cooled off, and no more money was forthcoming. When I would refer to a member he would refer me to somebody else, and that somebody would send me to still another place, and I would find myself about it, and I was left out in the cold. Do you blame me now, for not caring to take any further interest in the cases? I can't blame myself. I was left out in the cold, and I came up in the Superior Court this week, and if summoned I will testify—I will do that much, simply as my duty as a citizen. But I won't catch me again, I can assure you. The same parties are interested in this movement, and they will continue to do what I would undertake the job for. But a burned child is always afraid of the fire, and I was left out in the cold. Let me out with the law and order folks. They don't treat me right."

The cases of Ross, Patrick and Shunk were for trial in the Superior Court today.

Eighty Years Would Have Been Better.

Andy Walker, the worthless individual who beat his wife, was sentenced to eighty days' imprisonment in the County Jail yesterday by Judge Buckley. The Judge reviewed the case and stated that if what he had said in his opinion, the punishment was not too severe. It had been said that he even sold his children's clothes and shoes in order to obtain money with which to buy his whiskey. Beating his wife was not an uncommon occurrence.

Special Police for the Fair.

The Board of Police Commissioners will meet today to select ten special officers for duty during the fair in accordance with the order passed by the Board of Trustees last evening, authorizing them to appoint that number. Thirteen have been appointed, and there will probably be a struggle at the meeting when three of the names have to be taken from the list.

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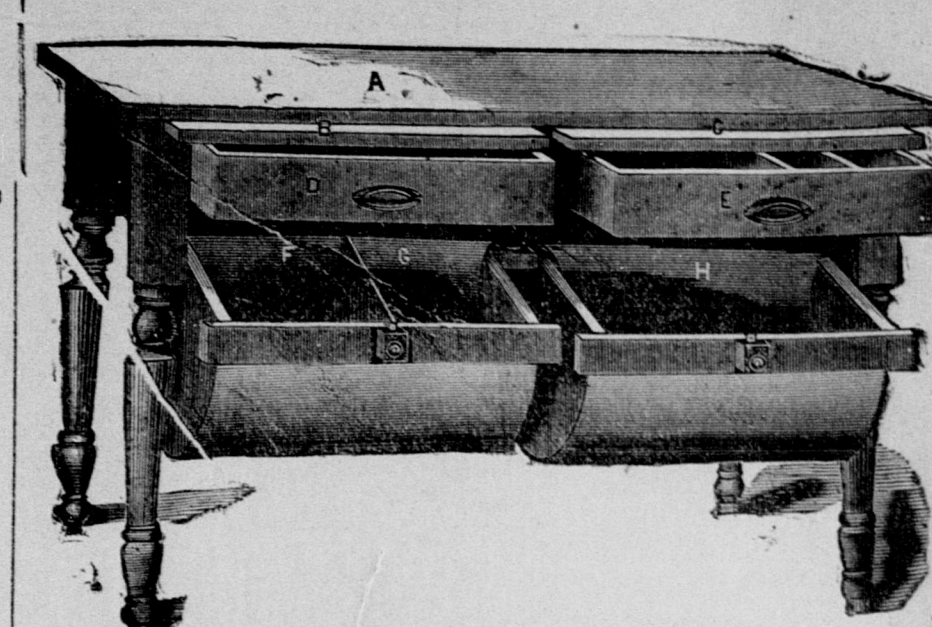
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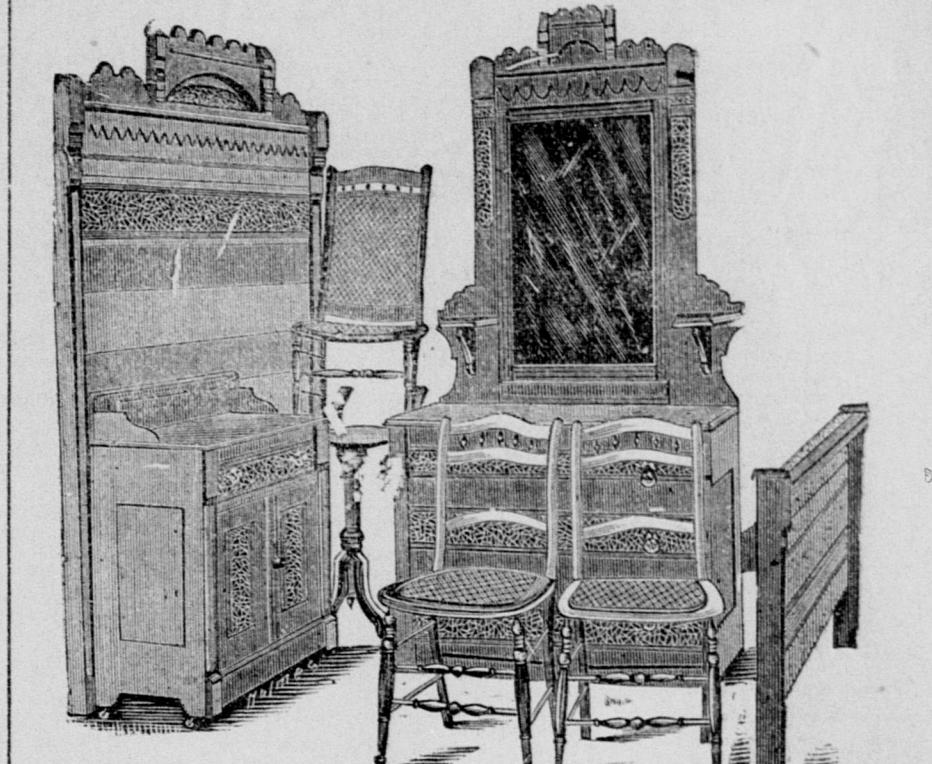
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